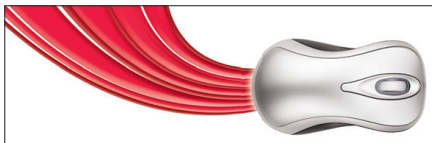

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Canadians buy into 9-11 myth more than Americans: Poll

SURVEY On the eve of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House, a startling new poll suggests more Canadians than Americans believe some of the 9-11 terrorists entered the U.S. through Canada.

In the Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey, conducted this summer in the U.S. and Canada, 29 per cent of Canadian respondents said they believed some of the hijackers accessed the U.S. through Canada eight years ago.

Only 19 per cent of American respondents agreed.

Border security is expected to be on the agenda when Harper and Obama meet today in the Oval Office for an hour-long chat.

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NHL Pre-season dust up

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Ottawa Senators goalie Robin Lehner stops a wraparound attempt from Florida Panthers forward Kamil Kreps during the third period of last night's exhibition game at the Metro Centre in Halifax. The Panthers defeated the Sens 3-1. More coverage, page 10.

Bus price tag balloons

City would overpay for system, say competitors

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The city's transit committee is considering the purchase of a $17-million smart bus suite that would put OC Transpo near the forefront of customer interactivity, but the options and the cost is far more than they asked for.

The city initially budgeted $6.72 million to purchase a next-stop announcement system, but transit staff are now recommending a more complex system that includes a predictive arrival system to notify riders using real-time online maps how long they have to wait for their bus, from transit technology company Clever Devices.

Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen compares it to a pizza with one topping or a pizza with all the toppings.

OC Transpo is purchasing the NSAS to comply with a 2007 Ontario Human Rights Commission order.

Transport 2000 president David Jeanes said he's concerned OC Transpo has skipped the public consultation process and is now preparing to purchase a system without public input and from only one real offer.

"That's a pretty big price tag on a per bus basis," said Owen Moore, president of Grey Island Systems, which owns a rival technology company NextBus. "It looks like they're paying top dollar for this."

NextBus did not submit a bid during the RFP, since initially, it was only for a next-stop announcement system.

According to a city staff report, four proponents submitted qualifying offers for the NSAS. Two were dismissed for not meeting the requirements.

According Bell spokesperson Jacqueline Michelis, the offer from Bell Canada, the third proponent, is still open and would fit within the city budget.

Bloc to block election

VOTE Stephen Harper's minority government is poised to survive at least its first confidence test this week, thanks to the very separatists and socialists so often derided by the prime minister.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe announced yesterday his party will support the government on a crucial budget vote Friday.

The vote is on a ways-and-means motion that paves the way for implementation of a host of budget measures, including the popular home renovation tax credit.

"We will support it since those are the things we asked (for) ..." Gilles Duceppe

"We will support it since those are things that we've asked (for) ourselves since last November. So no problem with that," Duceppe said.

New Democrats are expected to follow suit, wooed by the government's promise to extend employment insurance benefits for longtime workers whose benefits are running out.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said no final decision will be made until the party has a chance to study the EI legislation to be introduced today.

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Police investigate failed abduction

City police are seeking a male following the investigation of a suspicious incident Monday morning. Police said a 12-year-old girl was waiting for a school bus at the corner of McClelland Road and Nancy Avenue when a male drove up in a blue Hyundai Tucson. The girl was told to get in, but she refused and ran away. Police are seeking an English-speaking white male in his early 20s, with a dark-brown brush cut with blond highlights. METRO OTTAWA

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Hurt cyclists to take part in race

ARMY RUN Two months after a collision that shook the cycling world, four of the five Ottawa cyclists who suffered serious injuries after being struck by a van will show their mettle at this Sunday's second annual Canada Army Run.

Prior to the collision, "everyone was registered already," said Greg Tilley, a friend of the cyclists.

Tilley and a group of about 15 friends will take turns pushing Cathy Anderson, Rob Harland, Hilary McNamee and Mark White in wheelchairs with the injured soldiers who will be taking the advance start in the half-marathon.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

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Cyclists from across Canada with Pedal for the Planet converged on Parliament Hill to ask for federal action on climate change yesterday.

Pedal power on the Hill

Cyclists converge to seek climate-change action

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Eighty days ago, 17-year-old Malkolm Boothroyd got on his bicycle and left his driveway in Whitehorse, Yukon.

He rode for more than two months, joined by people like Martina Nowak of Victoria, who believed in the same cause he did.

Yesterday, dozens of cyclists — some riding 6,000 kilometres across Canada as a part of the Pedal for the Planet campaign — arrived on Parliament Hill to share their message with the country's decision makers.

"We're hoping for urgent federal action on climate change," said event co-ordinator Mike Buckthought of the Sierra Club Canada.

While the Hill was the final stop for the ride, participants also rode to embassies to highlight some of the actions that countries are taking to tackle the climate crisis.

"For example, Costa Rica is going carbon neutral by the year 2021, and the European Union has set a target to reduce greenhouse gases by 20 per cent by the year 2020," Buckthought said.

"Canada is really not doing as much as other countries, unfortunately. The Canadian government has said it will reduce emissions by three per cent by 2020, but that's far from what we need."

Scientists have said emissions have to be reduced 80 to 90 per cent by 2050.

"If we don't take action now, the consequences will be devastating," Buckthought said. "We will see millions of people suffering from droughts around the world, famine, increasing temperatures and extreme weather events."

People can call, write or email their MPs or senators to tell them they want Bill C-311 — which will ensure that Canada commits to reducing emissions and follows the recommendations of climate scientists — passed, said Sierra Club of Canada executive director Stephen Hazell.

"With headwinds, mosquitos and eight days of rain," the ride was difficult at times, said Boothroyd, "but what kept us going is the belief that we can make a change."

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Greenest building in city opens its doors

DOWNTOWN Touting lower power consumption, water savings and lower rent for tenants to boot, Ottawa's greenest building officially opened in the downtown core yesterday.

Ontario's first commercial multi-tenant office building to apply for LEED gold certification, Minto's 180 Kent St. building — 19-storeys high and running a full square block — measures 370,000 square feet and has 258 parking spots, said Minto Group CEO Roger Greenberg.

Roger Greenberg

During construction, the building produced about one-third less waste than other projects of its size, he said.

When possible, building materials came from 100 miles or less from Ottawa, added Minto executive vice-president Greg Rogers.

Now built, the building consumes 54.8 per cent less power than traditional office buildings and 50 per cent less water, thanks to waterless urinals, low-flush toilets and electric faucets.

"And all this is coming about with tenants paying less in total rent than before," Greenberg said. "All of this shows that green doesn't have to cost more."

The total rent is a combination of basic rent, taxes and operational costs, which is where the savings come in, said Rogers.

The building also features energy-saving equipment like the lighting — which needs less energy because it uses dimmers, Rogers said — and a green roof measuring approximately half an acre.

It also has a rainwater-storage system in the basement and reuses water for plants, Rogers said.

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News in brief

COLLISION Three people were injured in a head-on collision involving two vehicles in the intersection of Vanier Parkway and Donald Street on Monday night. Paramedics said a 63-year-old male, a 53-year-old female and a 32-year-old female are in stable condition in hospital.

SPORT In the span of just three weeks — with help from across the city — a local writer and photographer duo collected 50 boxes of sports equipment for children living in northern Canadian communities. Michelle Valberg and Joan Weinman leave today to tour Nunavut and the northern coast of Quebec.

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Canada

Lawyers seek life for war crimes con

Prosecutors want a life sentence for Canada's first war crimes convict. Crown lawyer Pascale Ledoux says Desire Munyaneza should spend the maximum amount of time behind bars. Munyaneza was found guilty of seven war crimes committed during one of history's worst atrocities — the 1994 Rwandan genocide. The Crown says aggravating factors in the case warrant a stiff sentence, and made its case during a sentencing hearing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ignatieff backs HST: McGuinty

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff will support Ontario's controversial tax harmonization scheme if he becomes the next prime minister, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Ontario and British Columbia's plans to merge their sales taxes with the federal GST could have been thwarted by a national election, because the change requires legislation from both levels of government.

But McGuinty said he's confident that both provinces will obtain the "necessary commitments" to move to a single sales tax, no matter who forms the next government in Ottawa.

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Vancouver **Stunt wedding**

JEFF BOSNIAK/THE province

Rick Harker and his bride Marlene Hoar rappel off a 19-storey office building in Vancouver yesterday. The couple were married by a pastor who also dangled from the building. **Check out video of the event at metronews.ca/canada.**

Ottawa takes aim at white-collar crime

Stiffer sentences will deter fraudsters, say victims

The Harper government is vowing to crack down on white-collar crime.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson announced today that he will introduce legislation soon to impose mandatory jail sentences on fraudsters.

He made the announcement as organizations representing white-collar victims descended on Ottawa to applaud the action and demand more.

Victims — some of whom lost millions of dollars — say the stiffer sentences will act as a deterrent to Ponzi schemes and stock and corporate frauds.

Victims groups stressed that the federal and provincial governments need to support tougher sentences with more funding.

They say Ottawa and other provinces should follow the lead of Quebec, which is spending an extra $6 million to hire 20 new financial fraud police officers and three new Crown prosecutors.

They also say Ottawa should create an independent Securities Crime Unit to investigate financial crime, adding that the RCMP has so far proved ineffective and at times disinterested.

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Ponzi accusations

- The renewed focus on white-collar crime comes after Montreal investment dealer Earl Jones was charged with fraud in July for allegedly operating a Ponzi scheme that swindled about 150 investors of at least $30 million. As well, two Alberta men were charged Monday with operating another Ponzi-type scheme.

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News in brief

LAW A Manitoba man says he and his wife were legally exercising their freedom of expression when they sent their daughter to school with racial slogans and symbols written on her skin.

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper will publicly reach out to Brian Mulroney, and by extension his Tory predecessor's powerful sphere of influence, in a video to be shown this week at a gala. Sources say Harper recorded a congratulatory message that will be aired Thursday at the celebration of Mulroney's 1984 electoral victory at the helm of the Progressive Conservative party. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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World

Harry's in the money

Prince Harry, left, turned 25 yesterday, becoming an even more eligible bachelor as he gained access to part of his inheritance from his mother, Diana. Harry and his brother Prince William were left equal shares in their mother's estate following her death in 1997. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN finds 'war crimes'

A UN investigation concluded yesterday that both sides in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Gaza committed war crimes and possible crimes against humanity, raising the prospect that officials may seek prosecution in the International Criminal Court.

The probe led by former South African judge Richard Goldstone concluded that "Israel committed actions amounting to war crimes, possibly crimes against humanity," during its Dec. 27 to Jan. 18 military operations against Palestinian rocket squads in the Gaza Strip. In a 575-page report, Goldstone and three investigators also found evidence "that Palestinian armed groups committed war crimes, as well as possibly crimes against humanity."

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FBI issues warning to look out for explosives

INVESTIGATION U.S. counter-terrorism officials are warning police departments around the country to be on the lookout for evidence of homemade bombs following raids on several New York City apartments in a hunt for explosives and possible links to al-Qaida operatives. Investigators issued warrants to search the residences early Monday for explosives material but did not find any, according to a person briefed on the matter who was not authorized to discuss the case and requested anonymity.

The searches came after the man, who was under surveillance for possible links to the terrorism network, visited New York City over the weekend and then left the area, said Rep. Peter King, a Republican from New York.

The joint FBI and Homeland Security intelligence warning, issued Monday, lists indicators that could tip off police to homemade hydrogen peroxide-based explosives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surveillance

- The Obama administration has asked U.S. Congress to extend three surveillance techniques for intelligence agencies tracking suspected militants that expire this year.

Man kills intruder with sword

BALTIMORE A Johns Hopkins University student armed with a samurai sword killed a suspected burglar in a garage behind his off-campus home early yesterday, hours after someone broke in and stole electronics. Shocked neighbours said they heard bloodcurdling screams in an area just blocks from the university. Police held the student, a junior chemistry major who turns 21 on Sunday, for several hours, but no charges were filed by early afternoon, said Baltimore police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi. Around 1:20 a.m., the student heard noises behind the home and noticed a door to the garage was open, Guglielmi said. He grabbed the sword and confronted the intruder.

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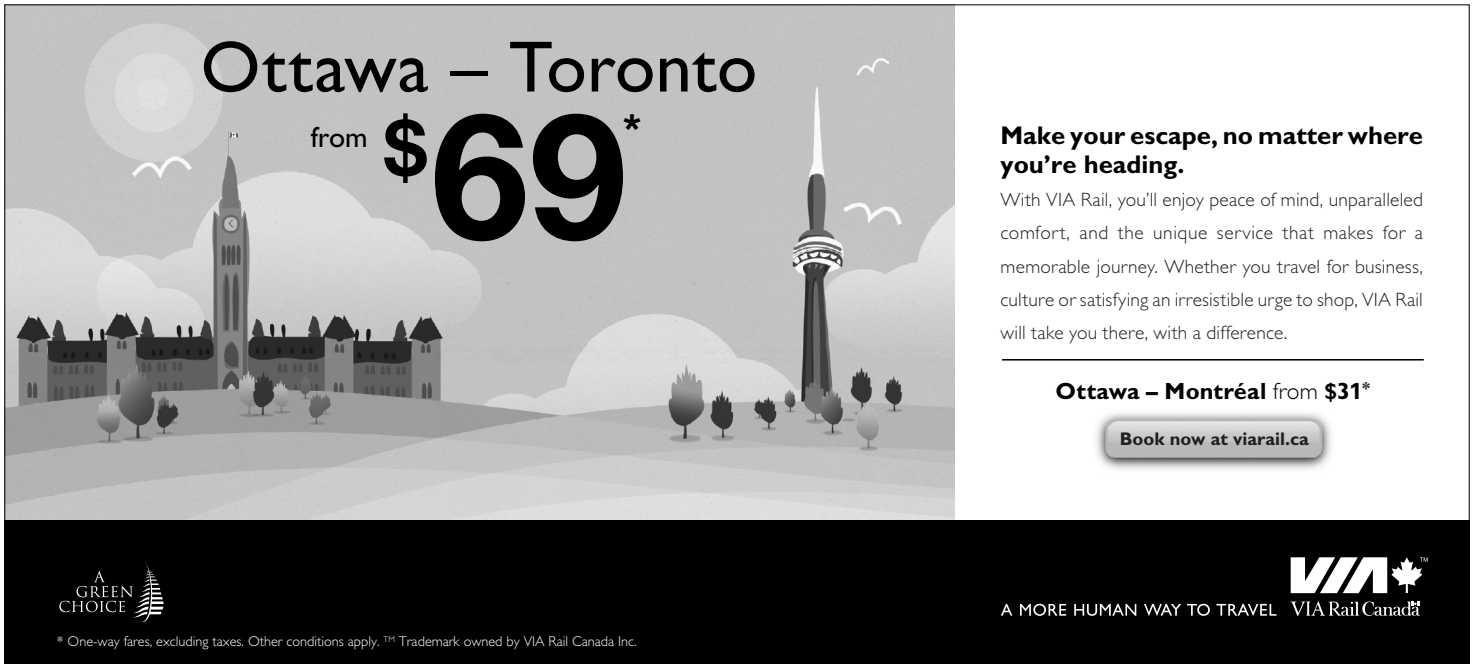
India Dalai Lama opens retreat

ASHWINI BHATIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Dalai Lama begins a three-day religious talk at the Tsuglakhang temple in Dharmsala, India, yesterday. A top adviser to U.S. President Barack Obama met Monday with the Dalai Lama and briefed him about the Obama administration's approach to Tibet.



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Comment

Greenpeace takes aim at oilsands

TheWestView

Those Greenpeace people are at it again. This time they're not chasing down whalers and draping themselves over their harpoons.

This time they're taking it straight to Canada's engine of economic growth, that driver of the petro-loonie, the oilsands.

This week, just in time for today's meeting between Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama, Greenpeace issued a report called Dirty — How The Tarsands Are Fuelling Global Climate Change, which claims the oilsands produce more greenhouse gases than some countries. And as an added distraction, activists chained themselves to a giant dump truck yesterday at Shell's Albian Sands site in northern Alberta.

First National Geographic, now Greenpeace. The oilsands' image is so bad that one professor at the University of Calgary thinks the Alberta government should hire a PR firm to fight back in case all this bad publicity eventually hurts foreign investment in Alberta, especially from Europe, which has no seals left to club or oil to extract and is therefore concentrating on exporting sanctimoniousness.

Don't get me wrong. I have a great deal of respect for Andrew Nikiforuk, the great Canadian journalist who wrote the report, certainly more than I have for fearless front-line eco-warriors and their apparently endless supply of chains. And if you don't think the oilsands have environmental consequences, tell that to the 1,600 dead ducks who went for their last swim in a Syncrude tailings pond last spring.

But while it makes a good headline, the countries cited by Nikiforuk are Estonia and Lithuania, two industrial micro-states, while Canada is one of the world's largest — and by far its friendliest — supplier of energy. So if Osama bin Laden declares himself king of the OPEC states, the oilsands will be there to keep the lights on, something both Europe and Greenpeace should meditate on when they can take a moment from all that declaring.

For those who think it's unfair or cynical to plead a geopolitical case, there's always the fact that coal-fired energy generation is far and away the largest producer of greenhouse gases, but for some reason, Greenpeace has failed to chain itself around a coal-fired generating plant. That's probably because they can't get into the U.S. thanks to the ceaseless vigilance of Homeland Security.

Maybe Greenpeace should chain itself to the Netherlands instead, which is one of the top five greenhouse gas producers on the planet, despite those picturesque windmills. Plus, unlike the U.S., it's a real pushover, homeland security-wise.

Greenpeace is certainly not likely to pick another fight with France, despite its addiction to nuclear power, an environmental non-non. As I recall, the last time Greenpeace tried to get in the way of *l'épreuve nucléair*, the French employed a memorably explosive brand of public relations.

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Word on the street: If there was an election today, what party would you vote for and why?

Carmay Wong
age 32, Ottawa
A: I'm leaning towards voting for the Liberals. Stephen Harper has to be out of there. I don't support his politics.

Pierre Cote
age 23, Ottawa
A: I wouldn't know because I never thought the Conservatives would actually have a platform that I'd enjoy seeing in action. I don't think they'll actually call an election.

Debbie Cole
age 21, Ottawa
A: It's hard to say. I don't agree with a lot of the decisions the Conservatives have made, but I still think of the sponsorship scandal with the Liberals. I'm not over that.

Ryan Swain
age 19, Halifax
A: The Green party I guess. I just don't like what's going on with the other parties right now who have the most power. I'd probably go with the Green party to start something new, something fresh.

Tony Clark
age 29, Toronto
A: I'd probably have to go with NDP just because I'm really pissed off with both the Conservatives and the Liberals. They've been really childish with everything.

David Leeder
age 24, Edmonton
A: I see a definite lack of leadership in all parties in the country ... The current ideologies of some parties — even if they (have) policies I like — they don't match up with others. I wouldn't vote for anyone right now.

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Recession probably over, says U.S. Fed chairman

U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the economy likely is growing now, but it won't be sufficient to prevent unemployment from rising. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Air losses worse than post-9-11 levels: IATA

The airline industry says recent losses have been worse than what they were after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, because of rising fuel costs and lower revenues.

The International Air Transport Association, a Montreal-based group of airlines, today painted a picture of an industry in crisis.

CEO Giovanni Bisignani told a Washington news conference that expected losses in 2009 would be $2 billion US more than previously forecast.

IATA predicts that the global airline industry will lose $11 billion in 2009, with an estimated loss of more than $6 billion in the first half alone. Bisignani said revenues this year will be $80 billion US below 2008 levels.

Passenger and cargo revenues are expected to fall in 2009, led by a 20 per cent drop in demand for business travel. Passenger traffic is also expected to decline by four per cent.

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Business in brief

REAL ESTATE Resales of Canadian homes held steady and the national average price soared in August as the supply of existing homes for resale dwindled to a five-year low, the Canadian Real Estate Association said yesterday.

OIL The oilsands were the target yesterday of activists on the eve of a meeting between Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama. Two dozen Greenpeace members chained themselves to equipment in Shell's Albian Sands mine in northwestern Alberta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Group seeks to take Redskins case to highest court

A group of American Indians who find the Washington Redskins name offensive wants the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the matter. The seven Native Americans have been working through the court system since 1992 to have the Redskins trademarks declared invalid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Slicin' with Kimbo

Season 10 of UFC's The Ultimate Fighter reality show starts tonight. Internet sensation Kimbo Slice, left, put aside a dispute with UFC president Dana White to take part in the show and viewers will see a different side of the street fighter. Fellow cast members have described Slice as "a nice guy" and a "really good cook." The show airs on Spike and Rogers Sportsnet. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Heatley deal offers fair value

TheHockeyNews

Ryan Kennedy

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It goes without saying Ottawa GM Bryan Murray was faced with a tough task in dealing star winger Dany Heatley to San Jose on the weekend.

After all, with Heatley's trade demands being so public, Murray's leverage wasn't exactly plum. It's as if the GM was playing Texas Hold 'em with his peers, but had to tell them one of his cards was the 10 of spades before anyone bet.

So in getting Jonathan Cheechoo, Milan Michalek and a second round draft pick in return, I think Murray got fair market value for his disillusioned asset. And that's not easy to do these days.

In Cheechoo, we all know the tattered timeline: former 56-goal scorer bottoms out with 12 markers just three seasons later. In order to get some semblance of order in Cheechoo's stats, let's say he's probably a 25-30 goal man at heart. Same goes for assists.

Michalek, one of those rising stars San Jose always needed to do more in the playoffs but never quite did, is nevertheless a tantalizing package of size (six-foot-two, 225 pounds) and skill, whose totals have generally come in around the 55-65 point range.

Given that this 2-for-1 roster player deal has increased Ottawa's depth, the Sens now go into the season with Spezza, Alfredsson and Kovalev as a pretty tasty looking top line and the two ex-Sharks surrounding Mike Fisher following them up. Not too shabby.

"It's as if the GM was playing Texas Hold 'em with his peers, but had to tell them one of his cards was the 10 of spades before anyone bet."

Heatley, when not flummoxed, is a legitimate 50-goal scorer and 100-point man. Playing on a line in San Jose with Joe Thornton, he will achieve that again. In order to even up the equation, we need to add another Shark to replace Michalek in the lineup, so let's just bump Jamie McGinn up on the depth chart. McGinn, a gritty, hard-working winger who split his time between San Jose and American League Worcester last season, is probably good for approximately 20-25 points for a full season of NHL hockey.

So right now the Sharks get more offence out of the deal, but Ottawa gets more depth, which is what the Sens needed — different value for different teams; what a concept!

The Hockey News thn.com

Sens lose Leclaire's debut

NHL The Senators finally got their first look at new goaltender Pascal Leclaire.

Leclaire stopped 14 of 16 shots yesterday as Ottawa fell 3-1 to the Florida Panthers in both teams' NHL pre-season opener Halifax.

"It was good to get that first one in. It's totally different from practice and I'm glad it's done," said Leclaire, who was acquired at the March trade deadline from Columbus for Antoine Vermette.

Leclaire had to wait until yesterday to make his Senators debut after undergoing season-ending ankle surgery in January.

"I felt OK in the beginning and I started to feel better as the game went on," said Leclaire.

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Sports in brief

TRACK South Africa's minister for women and children has filed a complaint with the United Nations over how Caster Semenya's case was handled.

NHL Jonas Gustavsson's bid to land a goaltending job with the Toronto Maple Leafs has been stalled by a heart problem coach Ron Wilson describes as a minor concern.

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Easy to invest in your home

Update your windows with new rich colours, like these Hunter Douglas draperies.

Colour, layers trends for fall

The changing of seasons inspires many new trends to follow — new attitudes, fresh colours and shifting weather and temperatures. To help consumers keep up with the trends, Sally Morse, director of creative services for Hunter Douglas, provides the following tips for how to apply seasonal fall elements to the home:

Layer
Pull out a tray and dress it with candles, fresh apples, pears and branches for a great centrepiece on a coffee table or in a dining room. Decorate kitchen chairs by layering a napkin over the back with the point going down and a touch of ribbon looped around the chair.

Bring colour home
Layer your walls with a fresh and bright paint colour. Add pillows in rich colours as well. Update your window fashions with sumptuous colours such as those in the all-new Luminette Modern Draperies offering. This collection features woven fabrics with the look and function of traditional draperies.

Add warmth
A good way to add warmth is with texture. Use area rugs in wonderful weaves and colours. Take advantage of all that Mother Nature has to offer — decorate a wicker basket with moss balls, hedge apples, pumpkin gourds and rattan-covered spheres.

Improve lighting
Invest in new lamps and wall sconces in the bathroom and bedroom. Make the most of natural light with Skyline Gliding Window Panels, which feature 11 1/2-inch or 17-inch panels that overlap one another for a clean, contemporary look.

NEWS CANADA

In January, the Canadian government introduced the home renovation tax credit (HRTC), offering homeowners cash incentives to update their homes with renovations.

As many Canadians are choosing to stay in their homes due to the economic climate, now is a great time to take advantage of this tax credit to make your home more comfortable. Instead of trading up, why not design up?

"The HRTC is a great way to make small upgrades to your home for less," says interior designer Karen Sealy of SealyDesignInc.com. "The renovations don't have to be huge. Small fixes, like painting the walls or installing a new faucet, can have a surprisingly large impact on the overall look and feel of your home."

If carpet isn't for you, why not upgrade to hardwood floors?

Sealy offers her tips to strategically utilizing the HRTC this year:

• Replace old windows to give your home a quick facelift — and save money on your energy bills. If you are doing lots of energy-saving upgrades, consider getting an energy audit first so that you get even more tax credits toward these improvements.

• Paint is the simplest way to change or refresh both the inside and the outside of your house. Remember to save some paint in the cans for touch-ups later on. There are lots of low VOC (off-gassing) options, so both doing the work and living with it are health conscious.

Consider updating your faucets to a more current design or finish, or to something that is more functional, experts suggest.

• Install new hard-wearing carpeting, such as sisal or natural wool, to replace carpets with worn paths and ingrained dirt. If carpet isn't for you, upgrade to hardwood floors.

• Consider updating your faucets to a more current design or finish, or to something that is more functional, for example a model with spray or hands-free functionality. The Belo kitchen faucet by Brizo is a beautiful fixture that will add an eye-catching focal point to your kitchen. Also, with its innovative magnetic closure, the faucet spray head is guaranteed to dock when not in use for a consistently clean look.

• Redo your driveway and consider something that isn't impervious to water to help the environment — there are lots of new options today. It's a great way to revitalize the exterior of your home and add instant curb appeal.

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About the HRTC

- The Home Renovation Tax Credit of up to $1,350 applies to alterations "of an enduring nature and integral to the dwelling," meaning anything that is nailed down or wouldn't get transported away.
- The HRTC eligible expenditures are more than $1,000.
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Metro Workology exclusive: Skilled Trades

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Workology

$5M for skills training in B.C.

The B.C. government announced last Friday $5.2 million to help 1,000 unemployed residents of the province acquire the skills needed to return to the workforce or to further their education. The province is providing $1.5 million to a plethora of B.C. schools to offer 17 intakes across 10 programs to provide unemployed workers with general or job-specific skills. The remaining $3.2 million will fund a labour market consortium made up of 15 educational institutions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Your home ... from scratch

Your walls and roof brought to you by these tradespeople

Roofers and bricklayers protect your home from the elements.

Skilled **Trades**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

While most people think of tools and materials when they think of renovations, it's the skilled trades-people who put those materials to work that make the real magic happen.

The career professionals who master their chosen trade represent a culmination of experience and knowledge that can only be gained through dedication and hard work.

Roofer

Your roof protects your entire house as well as you within it, so suffice it to say professional roofers take their job very seriously.

Robert Bedard, 40, was a natural who learned his craft from a master roofer because no formal training program existed when he started. Today he has nearly 20 years of roofing under his belt and says the toughest part of being a roofer is handling the physicality of the job.

"You use every muscle in your body — the only thing that doesn't hurt at the end of the day is your head. You've definitely got to be in tip-top shape," Bedard said.

Bedard works for Great Canadian Roofing based in Edmonton and says creative thinking is a large part of the job as well, since every roof is different and figuring out how to work effectively around chimneys, windows and other additions takes some real smarts.

"You need a real ability to problem-solve," Bedard said.

Bricklayer

Bricklayer and master mason Willi Rieder, 49, finished his career training at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and completed his apprenticeship when he was 23 years old. He started Alpine Masonry in Surrey, B.C. in 1990 and still lays brick on a daily basis because he likes to personally ensure a high quality level of work.

"It's definitely an art to learn and it takes a lot of practice and a lot of time."
Bricklayer and mason Willi Rieder

Like many trades, the masonry field is desperate for young blood to enter the fray but getting young people to start a career isn't easy. Rieder says many young people don't realize how much work and expertise goes into being a mason and as a result many give up before finishing their apprenticeships.

"Masonry is a very difficult trade because there's a lot of things you have to learn and you have to be mentally and physically in shape. It's definitely an art to learn and it takes a lot of practice and a lot of time," Rieder said.

Masons not only have to be knowledgeable about hundreds of different products, each one with its own specific quirks and mixing limits, but they also have to maintain a steady laying hand despite lifting upwards of 500 bricks each day. Add to that the intricacies of scaffolding construction and takedown, cooperating with structural engineers and it becomes obvious that details are what matters to a mason.

"You have to learn so much because there are so many details you have to know in your job,

"Even other trades people on the job, when they see us work, they're just amazed at how we work, they see it's not easy at all," Rieder said.

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The built-in-Canada 2010 Toyota Corolla looks bigger than a compact car yet it gets up to about 5.7L/100km on the highway.

Bang for your buck

Affordable quality drives Toyota Corolla's popularity

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Without the Corolla, Toyota might not be where it is today — Number One worldwide.

Since 1967, more than 1,125,061 Corolla's have been sold in Canada alone.

Now in its 10th generation, the Corolla is built in 16 plants around the world including here in Canada in Cambridge, Ont., where the 2010 model is rolling off the line. In fact, Cambridge is the second largest Corolla plant on the planet.

And Cambridge had a part of play in the design of this significant vehicle.

It might not sound like much, but Canadian input included making sure the footwell pedal spacing could accommodate winter boots and that the door pockets could hold a variety of sizes of ice scrapers.

2010 Toyota Corolla CE

Type: Compact sedan
Price: Base, $16,169, as tested $19,335
Engine: 1.8-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC
HP/Torque: 132 hp, 128 lb/ft

Highlights

- Affordable
- Compact car with space
- Good fuel economy

This extended to making sure the same pockets could accommodate personal electronics like cellphones and the larger PDAs used in North America. And, lastly, the door cupholders had to be big enough to hold a Tim's or Slushie.

There are four models starting with the base CE, the mid-trim level S, the near-luxury equipped LE and the sporty XRS. All but the XRS get a 1.8-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder producing 132 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque with a choice of a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic on the CE and S with the automatic standard on the LE.

In common with most new cars there days, the 2010 Corolla is much bigger in flesh than it looks on websites or in brochures.

With an overall length of 4,540 mm (178.7 in) and a wheelbase of 1,465 mm (102.4 in) the Corolla is well and truly pushing the outer limits as a "compact" car.

The CE tested here has a base price of $16,160, the four-speed automatic adding $1,000.

So what can you expect from a sub-$20,000 car?

The engine is a marvel of technology with dual variable valve timing, fuel injection, direct ignition and even a fly-by-wire throttle system with intelligence.

The interior of even the base car like this CE is tastefully turned out in a nice mix of materials and all fitted together like it was a Lexus.

The latter looks at speed, fuel consumption and load and works out the best way to optimize power with efficiency while limiting emissions.

Even though this is a base car, it doesn't feel cheap. The cloth seats are comfy and supportive at the same time and large enough for ample-sized persons such as myself.

The three-spoke steering wheel has both telescope and tilt; pretty good for a sub-$20,000 car.

Accord Crosstour coming

NEW MODEL The all-new 2010 Honda Accord Crosstour is set to arrive at Honda dealerships in Canada this fall. The Accord evolves the crossover utility vehicle (CUV) concept by integrating a sleek and aerodynamic shape that blends sporty, low-profile contours with versatile CUV functionality.

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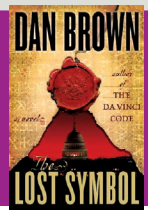

Dan Brown's D.C.

Destination DC has launched Washington.org/lostsymbol to help fans of Dan Brown's new thriller, The Lost Symbol, explore places and themes featured in the book. The guide includes an early 20th century Masonic stone temple at the corner of 16th and S streets, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va. Fans of The Da Vinci Code novelist flocked to the Louvre in Paris and other sites in Europe that were featured in that book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dual-destination honeymoons

Choose places where you can relax for a week, then go exploring

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

Left, a romantic beach resort on Reunion Island, a French outpost in the Indian Ocean. Right, a view of a waterfall on the island.

Going on honeymoon presents you with a dilemma: This is the one chance you get to really splash out on the holiday of a lifetime, so you want to take advantage of it and do something exceptional.

On the other hand, after dealing with a year of planning the nuptials, worrying about how much it will all cost you, bickering with your partner over wedding venues, arguing over the guest list with your future in-laws, managing pre-wedding nerves, then rushing around on the day trying to talk to everyone you've invited, you might not have the energy to do anything too exciting on your honeymoon.

The chances are, you will be absolutely exhausted the day after the big day — there's a reason why the honeymoon cliché involves spending two weeks passed out on a paradise beach. You'll probably need to relax and gaze lovingly into your new bride/groom's eyes for at least five days, but after that you'll likely be ready to explore somewhere exciting or astoundingly beautiful with your soul mate. The key is to choose destinations where you can do both — get inspiration from our guide to two-centre honeymoon options.

Mauritius and Reunion

Relax in Mauritius

The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius is the classic honeymoon destination, with palm trees swaying over long stretches of pure white sand. The hotels here are geared up for honeymooners, so you'll be well looked after. Stay all-inclusive and you can chill out in comfort for the first part of your honeymoon, sipping cocktails on the beach, and eating in-house before getting an early night.

Enjoy wilderness on Reunion Island

There are plenty of interesting natural and historical sites to explore on the island of Mauritius, but if you are looking for true adventure, take a flight over to the nearby French island of Reunion.

France's outpost in the Indian Ocean is home to a live volcano and three huge dramatic craters or cirques. Plan a trek into Cirque Mafate, which is only accessible by foot, or cruise through the lush, green, wild valleys of Cirque de Salazie or Cilaos and stop off to admire gushing waterfalls or pretty colonial villages, or take a trek through the stunning scenery. Elsewhere you can visit Creole towns and geranium or vanilla plantations, or go snorkelling or whale-spotting on the coast.

Miami and Key West

Relax in the Florida Keys

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Party and shop in Miami

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Mozambique and South Africa

Relax in Mozambique

Traditionally, honeymooners used to stop off for a week on the romantic Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar before going on an exciting safari trip in South Africa. Nowadays savvy travellers are discovering the charms of Mozambique instead.

This former Portuguese colony offers world-class diving, white beaches and swaying palms, deserted islands and remote spots in which to.chill out.

Transportation links and infrastructure are better in the southern part, which is a playground for weekenders from Johannesburg; and the northern stretch of coast is for the more adventurous, with its wide open spaces and remote luxury lodges.

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Record number

Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park hosted a record number of visitors this summer and remains on track for its busiest year ever. Officials said nearly 2.3 million people visited in June, July and August, up about five per cent from the previous summer high set in 1999. See nps.gov/yell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry Potter and the Orlando theme park

It sounds like a new book in the Harry Potter series, but Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey will be a high-tech ride and the marquee attraction at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, a new theme park area opening in spring 2010 at Florida's Universal Orlando Resort.

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In this artist illustration provided by Universal Studios, Hogwarts Castle is seen as part of the The Wizarding World of Harry Potter area, to launch at Universal Orlando in spring 2010.

The Forbidden Journey ride was named by author J.K. Rowling and described yesterday by Universal officials in a webcast revealing details of what the Potter park will look like.

The ride will takes guests through scenes and rooms from the blockbuster movies inside a richly detailed remake of Hogwarts Castle made to look more than 200 metres tall. Hogwarts is where Harry attends a boarding school for witches and wizards.

Guests will enter the Wizarding World through a station archway named for Hogsmeade, the magical village near Hogwarts. A plume of steam and a train whistle will sound the arrival of the Hogwarts Express. The goal is to make the experience immersive, so nothing outside is visible after guests pass the Hogsmeade station archway. Rowling, known for carefully guarding the Potter franchise, hasn't yet journeyed to Orlando, but the design team has made several trips to London to consult with her.

Other rides include the Dragon Challenge, a twin high-speed roller coaster themed after the Triwizard Tournament and the family roller coaster Flight of the Hippogriff, named for a creature with an eagle's head and a horse's body.

"Along those journeys they're going to be swept up into the greatest parts of the movies and the books. We've pushed every technology available to us to give guests a theme park experience unlike any they've had before," said Paul Daurio, producer of the Potter area.

The Harry Potter park will be part of Universal's Islands of Adventure.

Art and set directors from the films, including Oscar-winning production designer Stuart Craig and art director Alan Gilmore, were hired to translate the movies into the park.

Every shop and eatery is Potter-themed. Honeydukes sells chocolate frogs and Bertie Bott's Every-Flavour Beans, Ollivander's peddles magic wands, Zonko's joke shop has Sneakoscopes, and the British restaurant Three Broomsticks pours Butterbeer. At The Owl Post, guests can send letters with a certified Hogsmeade postmark. Magical instruments and equipment are available at Dervish and Banges, including everything needed to play Quidditch — a game like soccer played on flying broomsticks.

The Potter area will be Universal's third big-ticket addition in three years. SEC filings from the company estimate the combined cost of The Simpsons Ride, Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit and Wizarding World at between $275 million and $310 million US.

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Baby on the way

Colin Farrell and girlfriend Alicja Bachleda are expecting a baby, and the actor couldn't be happier about it. "Yeah, I'm going to be a father again," Farrell told People magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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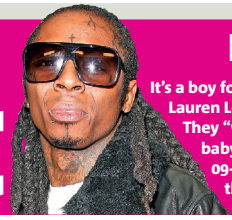

Lil one

It's a boy for rapper Lil Wayne and Lauren London, E! Online reports. They "welcomed their healthy baby boy into the world on 09-09-09," London's rep said this week. POPEATER.COM

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'I was so terrified'

Lynskey hits big time with roles opposite Clooney, Damon

PHIL BROWN
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Melanie Lynskey may not be someone whose name you instantly recognize, but there's a good chance that's about to change.

The actress is currently promoting three upcoming films, including Leaves Of Grass, Up In The Air, and The Informant. The unassuming and charming New Zealand native got her start as a teenager with a difficult lead role in Peter Jackson's award-winning Heavenly Creatures and has been working steadily ever since.

"I always wanted to be an actor, but I'm from a small town in New Zealand, so I didn't know anyone who'd ever become one and it didn't seem possible," Lynskey told Metro.

"But (Peter Jackson) came around to my high school when I was 15 and was looking for normal girls to play the role. It's more than I ever hoped for that could actually make it my career, because it was my dream ever since I was a child."

Last year was a big one for Lynskey as she got to work with some pretty impressive directors including Sam Mendes, Jason Reitman, Steven Soderbergh, and Tim Blake Nelson.

Though Lynskey was pleased with the collaborations with her directors, she did notice the difference in their working styles.

"There was a lot of rehearsal and discussion with Tim on Leaves Of Grass, but then Steven Soderbergh was totally hands off and didn't give a lot of notes," Lynskey said. "He's happy with whatever spontaneous thing that happens on set because he likes the performances to be very natural."

As for Juno and Up In The Air director Jason Reitman, Lynskey noted that the young filmmaker was just as professional as the veterans.

The Informant opens in theatres on Friday

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Melanie Lynskey, right, ties the knot with Danny McBride in Up in the Air; Lynskey stars alongside Matt Damon in the Steven Soderbergh film The Informant.

Lynskey also got to work alongside some megastar actors including George Clooney on Up In The Air and Matt Damon on The Informant.

"I was so terrified," revealed Lynskey. "I'm not the kind of actress who plays Matt Damon's wife. I'm normally the best friend. Luckily he's the nicest person ever to walk the face of the earth and a very generous actor. He made me feel very comfortable right away."

Lynskey has made over 30 appearances in film and television over the last 15 years, but seems to have found a comfortable home now in comedy and should only continue to gain ground in Hollywood after this string of high profile performances.

Comedy is something the actress says she's always enjoyed and is grateful to have found a home and recognition in the genre.

"It's funny because I remember at the wrap party for Heavenly Creatures, someone said to me 'you should really do comedy.' At the time I thought 'Thanks a lot. You've just been working on a dramatic movie with me for three months.'"

Johansson and Yorn craft infectious pop

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Every night, countless men dream about Scarlett Johansson, but only one guy can say his fantasy came true.

In 2006 singer-songwriter Pete Yorn dreamt that he and the burgeoning blond movie star recorded a duets album together. When he woke up, he did what any well-connected musician would do — he called Johansson and told her he wanted to work with her.

"I've known Pete for several years," says Johansson on the phone from New York. "It was a welcome surprise to be asked to do the album."

Yorn didn't just want Johansson to sing on the album, though, he wanted her to channel another silver screen siren, Brigitte Bardot. He would play the part of Serge Gainsbourg, a legendary Parisian singer, and together the two would create a version of the 1968 duet disc, Bonnie and Clyde.

"When I thought of Brigitte, my mind just went to Scarlett," says Yorn. "Whether I knew her or not my mind would have gone to her. I felt her presence. Whether she was a professional singer or not was irrelevant."

At the time Yorn and Johansson made the disc, the actress had yet to record Anywhere I Lay My Head, her album of Tom Waits covers that came out last year. So when she went into the studio with Yorn, her singing credits were few and far between.

"When I was a kid I took a lot of vocal lessons," she reveals. "And I had recorded a couple things here and there, so I was familiar with the recording process I guess. But I wasn't nervous because there was nothing to lose."

It took three years, but her recording sessions have finally seen the light of day. The disc, Break Up, delves into the complex feelings and heartache that comes with a failed relationship. While it's no Bonnie and Clyde, and Johansson's vocals sound a bit flat, it's still an infectious pop record. If anything, this album will do wonders for Yorn, who's written some of the strongest songs of his career.

Scarlett Johansson and Pete Yorn collaborated on Break Up.

Despite the wait, Johansson's says she can still feels the tunes.

"I'm very sentimental about it," she admits. "It captured a place and time where we were both experimenting. I was really proud of it then, but when I heard it fully mastered I was really excited about it. And now it has its own little life."

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Critics slam Leno Show

Late night host's new gig labelled Tonight rehash and worse

Jay Leno snagged mostly negative reviews with his entry into prime time as he stuck to familiar ground — just 90 minutes earlier.

Monday's premiere of The Jay Leno Show, which transports the longtime Tonight Show host to 10 p.m. EDT weekdays on NBC, was slammed as a "cut-rate, snooze-inducing, rehashed bore" by Robert Bianco of USA Today. And that was even with the presence of Leno's much-buzzed-about guest Kanye West.

The Associated Press' Frazier Moore identified "the biggest difference between Leno's new show and his old one: With his fade-out at 11 p.m., the local news began."

Of course, Leno has never been the critics' darling. The first response from viewers wouldn't be known until Nielsen ratings are released later Tuesday.

But audience numbers aren't likely to sway The Los Angeles Times' Mary McNamara, who called the show "a strange, shallow puddle of comedy."

"This is the future of television?" she wrote. "This wasn't even a good rendition of television past."

"The future of The Jay Leno Show is likely to look almost exactly like The Tonight Show past," complained Alessandra Stanley of The New York Times. "So much ink has been devoted to describing how Mr. Leno's new show would depart from his old one that it was startling to see how little difference there was."

Indeed, much ink has been devoted to The Jay Leno Show since NBC's announcement last December.

And many questions have swirled: Will a cost-cutting comedy show stripped across weeknights imperil more expensive weekly scripted drama shows? Will the audience embrace this NBC alternative to fictional docs, cops and lawyers? Has fourth-rated NBC found a strategy that not only will improve its fortunes, but also alter the programming landscape on rival networks?

Or will this prove to be NBC's biggest flop yet?

These are questions likely to remain unresolved for months.

The premiere was relentlessly hyped by NBC all summer, even prompting Leno to crack when he arrived on stage, "This isn't another annoying promo. This is the actual show!"

For his debut, he had booked a relatively big name, Jerry Seinfeld, besides lucking into TV's biggest get, Kanye West, who was not only able to perform a song (Run This Town, along with Jay-Z and Rihanna), but also apologize lugubriously for his bad behaviour on an MTV awards show Sunday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comedian Jerry Seinfeld appears with host Jay Leno on the first episode of The Jay Leno Show.

"A strange, shallow puddle of comedy."
Mary McNamara, Los Angeles Times

In brief

FILM Actor Keanu Reeves had no problem getting inside Buffalo-area jails. The feds haven't been so lucky. The star of The Matrix film trilogy spent last weekend scouting locations for a new film. His visit included tours of two jail facilities that are the target of a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit accusing the Erie County Sheriff's Department of civil rights violations.

DEATH. A giraffe that starred in a series of TV commercials for Toys R Us and appeared in Jim Carrey's movie Ace Ventura: Pet Detective has died at a Boston zoo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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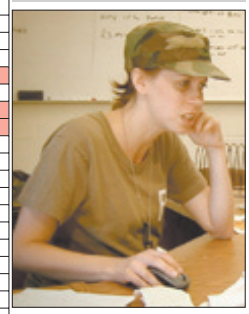
	261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote		Keeping Up	Foot in Grave	Doc Martin (N)		Unscripted	Driven-Vision	Poltergeist
	602	567	62	W	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Yourself Sexy	10 Years Younger-Challenge		Supersize-Skin
	269	350	70	APTN	APTN InFocus	Reel Insights Jim Settee.		Wings-Canada	Canadian Geographic		Chiefs "Sitting Bull"		Storytellers
	621	527	71	TLK	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Fresh-Anna	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped "High Hopes"		Chef School

critics' corner

Judith Thompson: My Pyramids

News and documentary footage, combined with performance clips, paint a portrait of playwright Judith Thompson with a focus on one of her most powerful works. "My Pyramids" tells the story of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison — where inmates were degraded and abused at the hands of U.S. troops — through the eyes of a fictional female soldier. 10 PM on 40 BVO



Supernatural

As a new season begins, Sam, Dean and Bobby (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Jim Beaver) deal with the aftermath of the devil (guest star Mark Pellegrino) rising from hell. Chuck (guest star Rob Benedict) has stunning news for the brothers about the fate of Castiel (Misha Collins). Rachel Miner returns as Meg in the new episode "Sympathy for the Devil." 10 PM on 50 SPC

Hef explains long separation

Hugh Hefner says he delayed his divorce from Kimberly Conrad Hefner, from whom he's been separated for 11 years, until now for the sake of their children, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Their youngest son, Cooper, turned 18 this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

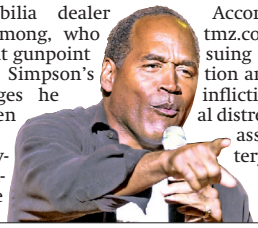
O.J. sued by kidnap victim

FALLOUT O.J. Simpson has been named in a new personal injury lawsuit, holding him responsible for heart attacks suffered by one of the victims of his 2007 hotel heist in Las Vegas, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who was held at gunpoint during Simpson's raid, alleges he has been hospitalized on several occasions since the September 2007 robbery, as a result of the terror Simpson put him through.

The former football star is serving a minimum of nine years in prison after he was found guilty of the crime.

According to tmz.com, Fromong is suing for compensation and damages for infliction of emotional distress, negligence, assault and battery.



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Whitney's out-of-control drug abuse

SHOCKING PAST Whitney Houston "forgot" she was a singer during the depths of her drug addiction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

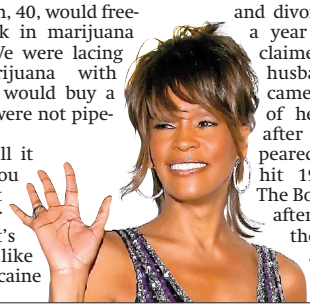
The music star admitted the extent of her substance abuse and the lowest points of her 14-year marriage to singer Bobby Brown during an emotional interview with Oprah Winfrey, which aired on Tuesday.

Referring to her drug use, Houston, 46, said: "I didn't think about the singing part anymore. I'd totally forgotten about that life. I had so much money by that time."

She detailed how she and Brown, 40, would freebase crack in marijuana joints: "We were lacing our marijuana with base. We would buy a kilo. We were not pipe-smoking.

"You roll it up and you smoke it in your weed. It's almost like heroin cocaine speedballs but you level it off with marijuana."

Houston — who separated from Brown in 2006 and divorced him a year later — claimed her ex-husband became jealous of her career after she appeared in the hit 1992 film The Bodyguard; after that, their drug abuse spiralled out of control.



She said: "I think somewhere inside, something happens to a man when a woman has that much control or has that much fame.

"Emotionally he was abusive. Physically, no way," she said. But, she added, Brown's abuse spilled over one night after she had thrown a birthday party for him, recalling that "When we got back to the house he spit on me. He actually spit on me." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman finds a new role model, Spencer Pratt likes to share his feelings, and Kathy Ireland questions the female status quo.

- @SarahKSilverman When I grow up I want to be Beyonce.
- @spencerpratt I LOVE MY MOTHER IN LAW!!!!
- @kathyireland Wondering who decided for women that we would spend time in make up, hair and high heels? LOL!

METRO WORLD NEWS

Glam new role for Michael Douglas

NEW ROLE Michael Douglas is going to be donning a lot of glittery outfits pretty soon, as he's signed on to play Liberace in a film about the flamboyant performer's life.

"We've already done some costume and wardrobe tests on Michael, and they're very, very, very good," director Steven Soderbergh told People. "I swear to you, Michael amazed me. He crushed it."

Soderbergh also confirmed that Matt Damon will be playing Liberace's longtime lover in the film.

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Chris pines for Rihanna?

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE? Chris Brown has publicly pleaded for Rihanna to give him another chance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old singer — who assaulted his then-girlfriend in February, and was sentenced to five years probation and six months community labour — has romantically reached out to the singer online.

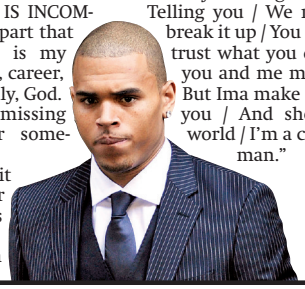
He wrote on Twitter: "MY HEART IS INCOMPLETE... the part that is complete is my love for fans, career, friends, family, God. But I'm missing someone or something (sic)."

To ensure it was clear who he was referring to, Brown posted a link to a YouTube video of his new song Changed Man, which features a series of pictures of him and Rihanna together.

Brown added on Twitter: "Sorry all, just one of those days."

The lyrics to the song, which was released in August, include: "Daily / I've been waiting / For the time to pass / and let it fade in.

"They looking at you / Telling you / We need to break it up / You need to trust what you do / It's you and me my love / But Ima make it up to you / And show the world / I'm a changed man."



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A presidential view on Kanye

WEST VS. THE WORLD Everyone is weighing in on Kanye West's infamous interruption of Taylor Swift at the MTV Video Music Awards — even Barack Obama.

The U.S. president was asked about the incident during a press event, and he allegedly told a CNBC reporter he thought West behaved liked a "jackass."

An ABC News reporter quickly posted Obama's joking remarks on his Twitter account, but the post was later taken down because the president's alleged quip was made off-the-record.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Even celebs have cards declined

BETTER ASK MTV FOR A RAISE Being featured on an MTV reality show doesn't pay enough, apparently. The Hills star Stephanie Pratt got a rude awakening at an MTV Video Music Awards after-party when she tried to pay for a bottle of champagne, only to have her credit card declined, according to Page Six.

Her solution was to ask Holly Montag to cover it, but Montag wasn't too thrilled about that and refused to pay for the bottle.

"The waitress wouldn't give her card back until she paid for the bill," a source said. Pratt was later spotted at another party wandering around "hysterically crying," another source said. "She was a total mess."

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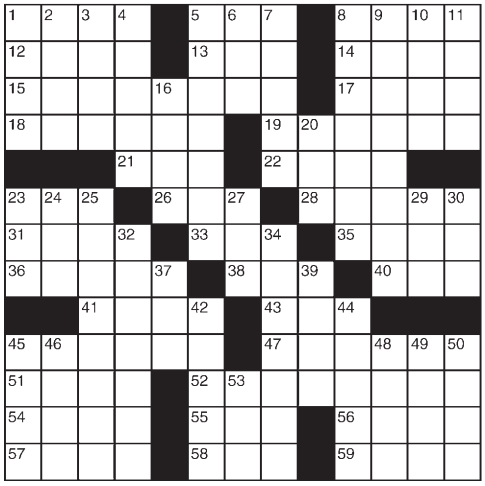

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12 Alkali neutralizer
13 Eggs
14 October stone
15 Behave ostentatiously
17 Doing
18 Elder
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21 — de plume
22 Icelandic volume
23 Where "Lost" is found
26 Chart
28 Is tangent to
31 Snatch
33 Run-down horse
35 Birthright barterer
36 Like some seals
38 Upper surface
40 Recede
41 Probability
43 Tease
45 July holiday
47 Slanted lettering
51 As well
52 Sooners' home
54 Bobbin
55 Slithery fish
56 Skiers' carrier
57 Gangster's girlfriend
58 "CSI" evidence
59 A handful

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2 Rue the run
3 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
4 Newsman Newman
5 His is an entry-level job
6 Actress Mendes
7 Wash
8 Potential
9 Clapping
10 Assessment
11 Trudge along
16 Explosive sound
20 Greek mountain
23 Mellow
24 Type of lingerie
25 Baggage-claim structure
27 Vanna's cohort
29 Bill
30 Hero sandwich
32 Sleeping bag, maybe
34 Ape
37 Pesticide letters
39 Pocket bread
42 Furnished with footwear
44 Thai money
45 Locale for 4-H'ers
46 Margarine
48 Timber wolf
49 Mosque bigwig
50 Give a darn
53 Barbie's companion

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Brunswick Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 broiler/fryer chicken (about 4 lbs/1.8 kg), cut up
1/4 to 1/3 cup (50 to 75 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
2 1/3 cups (575 ml) water
1 1/2 cups (500 ml) (375 ml) uncooked long grain rice
1 cup (250 ml) milk
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
1 tsp (5 ml) poultry seasoning
1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
Chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Dredge chicken pieces in flour. In large skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil over medium heat.
2. In large bowl, combine next six ingredients. Pour into greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Top with chicken.
3. Cover lightly with foil and bake at 350°F (180°C) 55 minutes or until rice and chicken are tender. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you want to find ways to strengthen your relationships this is the ideal day to do it. Affairs of the heart are under excellent stars.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It may appear as if someone is making life difficult for you for no good reason but is that really the case, or are you overreacting?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone who thinks you lack passion will change their tune when you turn the full force of your desire in their direction.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Certain people have been taking advantage of you and the time has come to do something about it. The current alignment will help you get tough.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Venus in your birth sign makes it easy for you to win people round to your way of thinking, but don't use it as an excuse to impose your ideas.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Everyday affairs are under good stars today and they will be even better if you strive to make people happy, at home and at work.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The pace of life will pick up dramatically very soon and you will find yourself running all over the place. Today though you must find time to relax.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Most of the time you prefer to keep work matters and affairs of the heart separate, but the cosmic picture will bring them together today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't often get emotional but you will do so today, and for the best possible reasons. The force of your emotions may surprise loved ones.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone you work alongside is impressed by the way you conduct yourself and will recommend you for bigger and better things.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be attracted to someone you meet socially and it could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Someone in your working environment will say some nice things about you today and you will most likely be embarrassed by the fuss.

This day in history

SEPT. 16, 1795: United Kingdom conquers Cape Town, South Africa.
SEPT. 16, 1812: Russians set fire to Moscow shortly after midnight — the city burns down completely days later.
SEPT. 16, 1908: General Motors is founded.
SEPT. 16, 1966: The Metropolitan Opera House opens at Lincoln Center in New York City with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's opera, Antony and Cleopatra.
SEPT. 16, 1997: Apple Computer announces that Steve Jobs had been named interim CEO of the company.

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1. Govt. lawyers' undergrad degs. (2)
2. "Shoo, feline!" (1)
3. Large branch on a branch (1)
4. Impose a levy on casual pants (1)
5. One who bench-presses a hobo (2)
6. Crooner Bennett's old pals (2)
7. Outranking buying clothes or groceries (2)

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